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PIZZA STOP TURNS INTO A \$25,000 WIN

Neither Shannon or John Besselman of Minot felt like cooking last Thursday. John went for pizza. While waiting, he stepped next door to the Ruthville Store to look around. He had two one dollar bills in his pocket. He bought a Powerball ticket with one and the Power Play option with the other. He won \$25,000.

John matched four white balls and the Powerball to win \$5,000 but because of the Power Play option he got to multiply his win by the Power Play number which was five. When he bought the ticket, he told the store clerk he only wanted a winner. That's what he got.

John, who is with the United States Air Force, and Shannon are both busy attending school to further their education. And their two year old daughter, Alyssa, takes care of the rest of their time. It's Alyssa who is the true big winner since her parents plan to put most of the money in an account for her education.

A total of 593,478 North Dakota lottery winners have taken home over \$3.6 million in prizes since March 2004.

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